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SUBJECT: VATICAN AND PORTUGAL: NEW PAPAL NUNCIO APPOINTED

FROM AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE

1. VATICAN ORGAN "L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO" MAY 15 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF ARCHBISHOP ANGELO FELICI AS NEW PAPAL NUNCIO TO PORTUGAL, REPLACING ARCHBISHOP GIUSEPPE MARIA SENSI WHO IS BEING ELEVATED TO CARDINAL MAY 24.

2. ARCHBISHOP SENSI IS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE HAGUE WHERE HE HAS SERVED AS PAPAL PRO-NUNCIO SINCE JULY 1967. WHILE IN HOLLAND HE IS CREDITED FOR PLAYING A DECISIVE BUT PRUDENT ROLE IN SMOOTHING DIFFERENCES IN DUTCH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND BETWEEN THE DUTCH BISHOPS AND HOLY SEE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, SUCH AS CATECHISM AND LITURGICAL REFORM, WHICH AROSE DURING A PARTICULARLY EFFERVESCENT PERIOD IN DUTCH CATHOLICISM. HE ALSO PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN FINDING A SUCCESSOR FOR CARDINAL ALFRINK.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ARCHBISHOP FELICI ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BORN AT SEGNI (ROME PROVINCE) 7/26/19; ORDAINED 4/4/42;

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ELEVATED TO BISHOP 7/22/67; CONSECRATED BISHOP 9/24/67.

PRIOR TO GOING TO THE HAGUE, FELICI WORKED AS A DESK OFFICER FOR SEVERAL COUTRIES IN THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS (FORMER NAME OF COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF CHURCH, OR "FOREIGN OFFICE"), AND FROM 1964 TO 1967 HE WAS UNDERSECRETARY OF SAME CONGREAGATION WHERE HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI, PRESENTLY SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS. VOLPE

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